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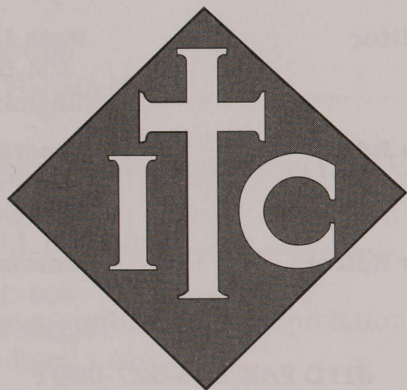
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Presenting the Issue

The opening articles by Amy Hartsfield and Michael Dash delineate their vision for ITC as the school approaches the next millennium. Hartsfield examines the mission—our institutional vision—and explores the question, “What do we see?” Dash analyzes call, education and ministry as foundational to his philosophy of theology and how these inform the vision of ITC.

The next two papers by Cain Hope Felder and Joseph Troutman advocate the necessity of reshaping racial and cultural lenses. Felder urges movement beyond Eurocentric biblical interpretation in order to achieve this new vision. Troutman understands this bias and determines that a new frame of mental reference is required to ameliorate the consequences of “cultural arrogance,” affirming the spectrum of diversity in developing theological collections.

The essay by Thomas Brown examines the ways in which the church and seminary must become a team to provide a preventive strategy, enabling clergypersons to act professionally and ethically. Attention to this issue occurs in response to complaints against pastors, chaplains, and pastoral counselors who act unethically.

The address by Kenneth Henry reclaims the symbols of heritage and hope as the foundation for our history. Reclaiming these is another way of declaring the goodness and mercy of God. ITC must continue to recall its past utilizing these symbols, celebrating the present and future.

Rosetta Ross proposes inverting the pyramid regarding the problems of violence, racism and xenophobia in the lives of women. What can we envision? Her question identifies challenges impacting all women’s equality.

Terry Walker describes the tragedies of the diaspora as disconnection, disunity, and ultimately dysfunction that characterizes evolving communities. The intellectual, cultural, and social capital is diminished through separation. Historically, there is a thread that connects the history, present motivation, and future hope of peoples of the diaspora.

The Editors